

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A method for producing a liquid-crystalline polyester solution composition comprising an aprotic solvent and[[,]] a liquid-crystalline polyester comprising:
at least one of the repeating unit units selected from the group consisting of a repeating unit derived from aromatic diamine, a repeating unit derived from aromatic amine having a hydroxyl group, and a repeating unit derived from aromatic amino acid, wherein the at least one of the repeating units is in from 10 to 35 mol% in the liquid-crystalline polyester, and

at least one of the repeating units represented by formulae (1), (2) and (3):

(1) -O-Ar₁-CO-

(2) -CO-Ar₂-CO-

(3) -X-Ar₃-Y

wherein Ar₁ represents 1,4-phenylene, 2,6-naphthalene or 4,4'-biphenylene, Ar₂ represents 1,4-phenylene, 1,3-phenylene or 2,6-naphthalene, Ar₃ represents 1,4-phenylene or 1,3-phenylene, X represents -NH-, and Y represents -O- or -NH-,

wherein the content of the repeating units represented by formulae (1), (2) and (3) is 30 to 80 mol%, 35 to 10 mol% and 35 to 10 mol%, respectively, in the liquid crystalline polyester and the method comprising the steps of:

acylating at least one repeating unit selected from the group consisting of a hydroxycarboxylic acid providing the repeating unit represented by formula (1), an aromatic diamine, an aromatic amine having a hydroxyl group, an aromatic acid, and a repeating unit represented by formula (3) with an excess amount of a fatty acid anhydride to obtain an acylated compound,

transesterification of the acylated compound and an aromatic dicarboxylic acid providing the repeating unit represented by formula (2) to obtain a liquid-crystalline polyester;

dissolving the polyester in an aprotic solvent to obtain a liquid-crystalline polyester solution composition thereof.

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): The ~~solution composition~~ method according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the amount of the liquid-crystalline polyester is from 0.01 to 100 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the aprotic solvent.

4. (currently amended): The ~~solution composition~~ method according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the aprotic solvent is an aprotic solvent free from halogen atoms.

5. (currently amended): The ~~solution composition~~ method according to Claims 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the aprotic solvent is an aprotic solvent having a dipole moment of from 3 to 5.

6. (currently amended): The ~~solution composition~~ method according to Claim 5, wherein the aprotic solvent having a dipole moment of from 3 to 5 is an amide solvents or lactone solvents.

7. (currently amended): The ~~solution composition~~ method according to Claim 6, wherein the amide solvent is one selected from the group consisting of N,N'-dimethyl formamide, N,N'-dimethyl acetoamide, and N-methylpyrrolidone

8. (currently amended): The ~~solution composition~~ method according to Claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein Ar₁ is 2,6-naphthalene, Ar₂ is 1,3- phenylene, Ar₃ is 1,4-phenylene, X is -NH-, and Y is -O-.

9. (currently amended): A method for producing a liquid-crystalline polyester film comprising spreading ~~the solution composition of Claim 1~~ a liquid-crystalline polyester solution composition over a support, and removing the solvent,

wherein the liquid-crystalline polyester solution composition comprises an aprotic solvent and a liquid-crystalline polyester comprising:

at least one of the repeating units selected from the group consisting of a repeating unit derived from aromatic diamine, a repeating unit derived from aromatic amine having a hydroxyl group, and a repeating unit derived from aromatic amino acid, wherein the at least one of the repeating units is from 10 to 35 mol% in the liquid-crystalline polyester, and

at least one of the repeating units represented by formulae (1), (2) and (3):

(1) -O-Ar₁-CO-

(2) -CO-Ar₂-CO-

(3) -X-Ar₃-Y

wherein Ar₁ represents 1,4-phenylene, 2,6-naphthalene or 4,4'-biphenylene, Ar₂ represents 1,4-phenylene, 1,3-phenylene or 2,6-naphthalene, Ar₃ represents 1,4-phenylene or 1,3-phenylene, X represents -NH-, and Y represents -O- or -NH-, wherein the content of the repeating units represented by formulae (1), (2) and (3) is 30 to 80 mol%, 35 to 10 mol% and 35 to 10 mol%, respectively, in the liquid crystalline polyester.

10. (original): A liquid-crystalline polyester film produced by the method of Claim 9.